



NATIONAL CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS

African American Civil War Memorial and Museum
1925 Vermont Avenue, NW : Washington, DC 20001
(202) 667-2667

Nov. 5th, 2011 _ 2pm-3:30pm

"Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Performance – Ensemble of Praise Choir of New York City

OPENING REMARKS

Fallon N. Green

Foundation for the National Archives

Commander_2nd SC Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops

Shedrick Manego – Sea Island Chapter

GREETINGS

Dr. Frank Smith

Founding Director

African American Civil War Memorial and Museum

“FROM CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS”

(The USCT Legacy _ "establish democracy")

Asa Gordon

Secretary General Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops

Exe. Dir. Douglass Institute of Government

Chair_DC Statehood Green Party Electoral College Task Force

“THE FIVE HEROES OF POLKTOWN”

by Retired Sergeant Major Willis Phelps, Jr. of

The Friends of the African Union Cemetery

as Private James H. Elbert

“A CIVIL ACTION IN UNION OCCUPIED CHARLESTON, SC”

by Mrs. Carol F. Gordon – FREED

as Frances A. Rollin

REMARKS & INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

by Sidique Wai

United African Congress

President and National Spokesperson

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Remembering the Freedom Fighters in our families”

by Cheryl Wills of NY1

Official Spokesperson for Ancestry.com, Author of “Die Free”

Founder and Commander of the 1st NY Chapter of Sons and Daughters of the USCT
and Direct Descendant of Civil War Memorial Soldier Private Sandy Wills

PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTERS

Asa Gordon – Secretary General

Sons and Daughters of the United States Colored Troops

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“MAJOR MARTIN R. DELANY”

By Hari Jones – Curator

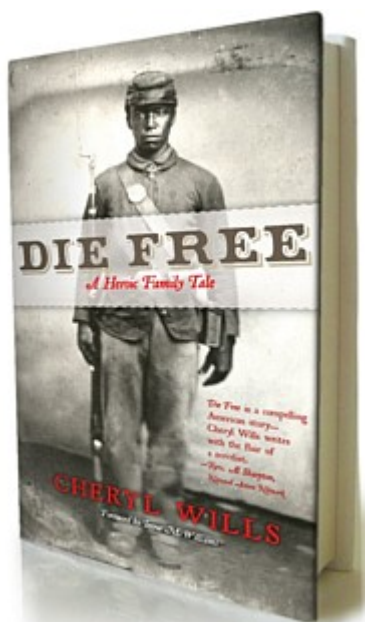
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“CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY”

“Parade of Descendants”

*Each descendant speaks the name of their USCT
ancestor and then lights a candle in their honor.

Performance – Ensemble of Praize Choir of New York City



TV journalist finds the most powerful story in her own
family heritage!

Die Free: A Heroic Family Tale

Cheryl Wills’ acclaimed book, *Die Free* pays homage to the storied treasure of her great-great-great grandfather, *Sandy Wills*, who fled his slave master (Edmund Wills) and fought valiantly as a member of the United States Colored Troops from 1863–1865.

<http://willscivilwarhistory.com/>